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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Yoshihiro Satoh

Serial No.: 10/642,667 Group Art Unit: 2822

Filed: August 19, 2003 Examiner: Christy L. Novacek

For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING A
TAPERED-MESA SIDE-WALL FILM

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313 - 1450

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-11, 13-15, and 18-29 are all the claims presently pending in the application.

Claims 11, 13-14, 18, and 23 are amended to more clearly define the invention and claims 12 and 16-17 are canceled. Claims 1, 6, and 11 are independent.